

## **April 1, 2011**

## **Dayton Entrepreneurs Launch "Buckeye Vodka"**

Dayton-distilled <u>Buckeye Vodka</u> was officially launched today and is now available at 175 retail stores and restaurants throughout Ohio, with additional distribution planned for the future.

The artisanal beverage is the creation of entrepreneurs Jim and Chris Finke, Tom Rambasek and Marty Clark and is the first of several possible product launches planned by their company, Crystal Spirits, LLC.

The business partners have invested more than \$1 million in a facility near downtown Dayton, where new, state-of-the-art equipment was installed.

"Our intention is to bolster the Ohio economy with a growing business while crafting an extraordinary product," said Rambasek, Crystal Spirits' president. "We are very proud to bring a locally crafted product to the spirits market."

The City of Dayton provided technical assistance and support for the development of the company's new facility.

"I can't thank Dayton's Economic Development staff enough," Rambasek added. "They provided very important assistance in our start-up."

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